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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH SOVIET AND COMMUNIST BLOC  
NATIONALS

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CA-1471, DATED AUGUST 6, 1964:

BEGIN TEXT: THE MARKED LOOSENING OF SOVIET CONTROL OVER  
EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIMES AND THEIR INCREASING DIVERSITY  
AND NATIONALISM HAVE RESULTED IN A SHARP INCREASE IN THE  
VALUE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN OFFICIALS AS SOURCES OF POLITICAL,  
ECONOMIC, AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. ALL POSTS ARE  
THEREFORE INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP  
AND TO ESTABLISH A WORLD-WIDE SYSTEM TO RECORD AND CONTROL  
CONTACTS BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL WITH SOVIET AND COMMUNIST  
BLOC NATIONALS. SUCH A SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE A GLOBAL  
PATTERN OF SOVIET AND BLOC SOCIAL EFFORTS AND WILL ASSIST  
SUBSTANTIVE OFFICES TO LOOK FOR AND ANALYZE SHIFTS IN THE  
ATTITUDES OF BLOC COUNTRIES TOWARDS THE US.

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EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THE SYSTEM WILL PROTECT AMERICAN  
PERSONNEL WHO HAVE CONTACTS WITH BLOC NATIONALS. REGARDING  
THE LATTER POINT, SOVIET BLOC OFFICIALS ARE KNOWN TO REPORT

ASSIDUOUSLY ON THEIR WESTERN CONTACTS. SOME OF THESE  
REPORTS HAVE FILTERED BACK INTO AMERICAN SECURITY  
ORGANIZATIONS AND ARE FREQUENTLY EMBELLISHED WITH INAC-

CURACIES, FABRICATIONS AND FAULTY ASSESSMENTS. THE VALUE OF BEING ABLE TO RECONSTRUCT A FACTUAL ACCOUNT FROM AMERICAN SOURCES IS OBVIOUS.

OFFICERS WHOSE ASSIGNED DUTIES INVOLVE OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHALL PREPARE MEMORANDA COVERING SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS. SUCH MEMORANDA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY THROUGH APPROPRIATE AGENCY CHANNELS TO THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE. ALL OFFICERS WHO ENCOUNTER COMMUNIST BLOC MEMBERS, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF THEIR DUTIES, AT SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS, OR ON INFORMAL OCCASIONS, MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN MEMORANDA COVERING ANY SUBSTANTIVE ASPECT OF THE CONTACT. WHEN CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNIST BLOC PERSONNEL (IN THIS CASE NOT NORMALLY CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE YUGOSLAVS) HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO MUNDANE PLEASANTRIES OR INNOCUOUS SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OF NO REPORTABLE VALUE, THE INCIDENT WILL NEVERTHELESS BE REPORTED TO THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE, WHO WILL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF SUCH CONTACTS. A REPORT COVERING ALL TYPES OF OFFICIAL, SOCIAL, AND CHANCE CONTACTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE OFFICER CONTROLLING THESE CONTACTS ON A ROUTINE BUT CURRENT BASIS. CONTACTS WITH SIGNIFICANT OVERTONES MUST BE, OF COURSE, REPORTED ON PRIORITY. THESE REPORTS WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO THE INTERESTED AREAS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND COORDINATED WITH THE REPRESENTED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. CONFIDENTIAL

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REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS AND POST SECURITY OFFICERS CONDUCTING ROUTINE SECURITY BRIEFINGS SHOULD ADVISE ALL CLERICAL PERSONNEL THAT CONTACT WITH SOVIET OR COMMUNIST BLOC PERSONNEL IS GENERALLY UNDESIRABLE. CASUAL, UNOFFICIAL CHANCE CONTACT MAY BE UNAVOIDABLE UNDER CERTAIN SITUATIONS AND SHOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE AN OCCASION FOR RUDENESS. HOWEVER, SUCH CONTACTS SHOULD BE AS BRIEF AS GOOD TASTE ALLOWS, CONVERSATION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SOCIAL AMENITIES, AND NO EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ARRANGE FUTURE SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS. THESE CASUAL CONTACTS AT CLERICAL AND STAFF LEVELS ARE ALSO OF CONTINUING INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SHOULD BE ROUTINELY REPORTED BY THE CONTROL OFFICER TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE CONTACTS ENUMERATED IN THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS. END TEXT. VANCE

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